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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY VAKY FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652 XGDS-4

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SUBJECT WASHINGTON POST STORY MAY ENDANGER LIFE OF ARGENTINE  
HUMAN RIGHTS LEADER

1. WE WERE DISMAYED AT THE ARTICLE BY CHARLES KRAUSE ON  
TORTURE IN ARGENTINA PRINTED IN THE WASHINGTON POST ON  
OCTOBER 29. WHOLE PASSAGES WERE LIFTED FROM AN EMBASSY  
MEMORANDUM OF CONVERSATION DATED JULY 10, 1978, IN WHICH WE  
DESCRIBED AN INTERVIEW WITH ALFREDO BRAVO.

2. KRAUSE TELLS US HIS STORY WAS BASED ON A DOCUMENT  
BROUGHT TO BUENOS AIRES FROM WASHINGTON ABOUT FIVE WEEKS AGO.  
BY A US CITIZEN  
WELL KNOWN TO HIM--HE DID NOT ELABORATE. HE SAID THAT HE HAD  
MADE EFFORTS TO DISGUISE THE IDENTITY OF THE PERSON UNDER TORTURE  
IN FILING HIS STORY, AND THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED ITS APPROPRIATE  
NESS  
WITH THE PERMANENT ASSEMBLY'S EMILIO MIGNONE BEFORE FILING.  
WHEN THE DOCUMENT WAS GIVEN TO KRAUSE IT WAS WITH THE COMMENT  
THAT IT WAS BEING WIDELY CIRCULATED AMONG HUMAN RIGHTS  
ORGANIZATIONS IN WASHINGTON.

3. WE FEAR THAT DESPITE KRAUSE'S EFFORTS TO DISGUISE  
THE PERSON DESCRIBED HE CAN BE TRACED BY SPECIFIC  
TIME AND PLACE REFERENCES IN THE STORY, SHOULD A SECURITY  
SERVICE SET OUT TO DO THIS. THERE IS A REAL DANGER TO  
BRAVO FROM THE STORY'S PUBLICATION.

4. AT MY DIRECTION, RSO INVESTIGATED THE POSSIBILITY  
OF A LEAK FROM THIS EMBASSY. HIS REPORT INDICATES THAT  
THIS MEMCON WAS HANDLED WITH PARTICULAR CARE AND  
CIRCULATION OF THE EMBASSY'S TWO COPIES WAS LIMITED TO  
DRAFTING OFFICER, ACTING CHIEF OF POLITICAL SECTION, AN  
AMERICAN SECRETARY AND THE AMBASSADOR AND DCM. HE  
CONCLUDES THAT A LEAK HERE WAS HIGHLY IMPROBABLE. COPIES  
OF THE CONFIDENTIAL/LIMDIS XGDS-4 MEMORANDUM WERE SENT  
IN AUGUST 1978 TO P - UNDER SECRETARY NEWSOM, HA -  
MS. DERIAN, ARA - MR. MCNEIL, AND ARA/ECA - MR. BUMPUS.  
I CAN ONLY CONCLUDE THE LEAK OCCURED IN WASHINGTON.

5. SINCE THIS EVENT MAY WELL HAVE MANY ASPECTS OF  
WHICH I AM UNAWARE, I AM BRINGING IT TO YOUR ATTENTION  
ALONE. IF YOU BELIEVE WE SHOULD PROCEED TO RAISE THE  
ISSUE OF THE LEAK VIA REGULAR SY CHANNELS, PLEASE LET  
ME KNOW.  
CASTRO

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